

**NGWCA Community Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
9/10/2011**

**Attendees:** Ashley Wallace, Anita Christian, Priya Bhayana, Bill Clewell, Daniel Ettinger, George Quinn, Mark Garcia, David Krasner, Frank Yantosca, Anne Clewell, Jason Curtis, Rodney Coffigid, D. Chan, Kashi Walker, Beth Johnson, Pat Williams, Natalie Williams, Lissa Potter, Dale Hargrave, P/O Q. Green, P/O Negron, Shauna Jacquet, Odette Ramos, James W. Johnson, Linda Harrington, Sara Rodman, Lauren Poor, Ben Stone, Rachel London, Allison Shecter, Carl Stokes, Julia Foote, Abby Carmean - quorum not established

**1. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Dale Hargrave.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. New NGWCA Board Members**

Mark Garcia was introduced as the new Treasurer. Steve Nowell (not present), Vice President; Marian Weaver (not present), Recording Secretary; Brian Balazs (not present); Corresponding Secretary. Priya Bhayana also introduced as the new Community Organizer AmeriCorps VISTA.

**4. GHCC Workforce Outreach Program**

Presentation by Beth Johnson (Greater Homewood Community Corporation) and Abby Carmean (Central Baltimore Partnership) on GHCC's new workforce program

- Follows EBDI Program model
- Catchment area borders: Howard Ave to the West; Greenmount Ave to the East; University Parkway to the North; Mt. Royal to the South
- Includes job readiness training, barrier removal, career exploration, & job placement
- **FIRST STEP:** pre-enrollment interview. Followed by attendance at a "Workforce Wednesday" (offered 2-3 times a month) with orientation and intake forms
- For pre-enrollment interview CONTACT: Abby Carmean, Workforce VISTA at [acarmean@centralbaltimore.org](mailto:acarmean@centralbaltimore.org) or 443.712.8024
- First Workforce Wednesday: Sept 14, 2011

**5. Station North Arts and Entertainment District**

Presentation by Ben Stone, Executive Director of SNAE

- Ben is the new Executive Director of Station North Arts and Entertainment District Inc.
- SNAED was awarded a \$150,000 grant from National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This will result in a slew of new programming over the next year including:
  - o Second Saturdays will transform into a bigger event come Oct/Nov
  - o Part of the grant will be divided into subgrants of \$1,000-3,000, to support future proposals from artists, venues with visionary projects in SNAED. Application process for subgrants will begin later this year.
- Contact Ben at [ben.stone@stationnorth.org](mailto:ben.stone@stationnorth.org)

**6. Midtown Benefits District**

- Fully joining the district may not be possible at this point. The Midtown Benefits District is putting together a plan with a few options to pursue for public safety and clean & green services for Greenmount West

**7. JHU Live Near Your Work**

- First year that JHU LNYW program has had a tour in our community
  - Great meet & greet for potential homeowners, current residents and developers
8. **MOED HOT JOBS**
- Announced Hot Job alerts from MOED  
<http://www.oedworks.com/whatsnew/hotjobs.htm>
  - Anne Clewell to send out Hot Jobs to those who requested during meeting
9. **Illegal Dumping**
- Call 311
  - For those with a “smartphone,” there is now a convenient 311 application
  - We are working on getting a larger, closed container for the neighborhood
10. **Residential Permit Parking**
- Need 60% of community vote to get neighborhood zoned for residential parking
  - Pat Williams is leading effort to get signatures from the neighborhood
  - We are concerned with accountability of permitting office → Priya to set up a meeting with interested community members to discuss issues
  - To set up meeting with community leaders and Peter Little, Parking Authority Director
11. **NeighborWorks Training Institute**
- Dale briefed the community on the leadership training he attended last month in Atlanta. Of particular interest:
- Funding / loan programs for homeowner repairs
  - Lease-to-purchase process as a path to homeownership
12. **Fall Community Dinner**
- Priya announced the Fall Community Dinner, to take place on Oct 1, 2011 at the Baltimore Montessori School yard
  - Next planning meeting is Thursday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 1802 Barclay, 6-7pm
13. **Friday Night Lights**
- Rachael London of Baltimore Sky Space Proect (SSP) announced this event
- Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 9pm; lot at Barclay and Lanvale
  - Stargazing through telescope, music, food
14. **VFW 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- Commander James Johnson presented
- Celebration every day for week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary; 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women’s auxiliary; 6<sup>th</sup> anniv of men’s auxiliary
  - VFW is always open to public; offers kitchen, meeting room, parking, shuttle
15. **Meeting Adjourned**